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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY

1. TOUTAH TOLD DCM JANUARY 31 HE HAD BEEN INFORMED IN
CONFIDENCE BY COLONEL ABD AL SAMAD THAT SECURITY SERVICES
HAD RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT ASSAD TO REPORT SUB-
MITTED LAST SUMMER ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAD TRAVELED
ILLEGALLY TO ISRAEL DURING THEIR TRIPS OUTSIDE SYRIA.
RESPONSE HAD STATED SIMPLY "THE LAW MUST BE RESPECTED."

2. TOUTAH IS CONCERNED THAT THIS MEANS SYRIAN AUTHORITIES
WILL TAKE SOME SORT OF JUDICIAL OR PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST
THE CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. HE EXPECT TO BE
SUMMONED BY COLONEL MESSAOUD WITHIN COMING XVL DAYS TO
DISCUSS MATTER AND WILL ARGUE THAT THOSE WHO TRAVELED TO
ISRAEL WERE MOTIVATED SOLELY BY DESIRE TO SEE FAMILY MEMBERS
AND HAD NO INTENT TO VIOLATE SYRIAN LAW. TOUTAH SAID
HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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